

Instructions for the Macro Field Paper

Deadline: Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Instructions:

1. The paper should be 20 to 30 pages long with one and a half spacing.
2. A minimum requirement is a critical survey paper on an area of the literature that was covered in one of the three classes, in the spirit of papers found in the Journal of Economic Literature. In that case, you should conclude with a section that provides some motivation for a new paper, or potential avenues for future research. You can describe the sketch of a model, a new motivating "stylized fact", etc.
3. Creative ideas are encouraged ranging from theory papers to empirical papers including replication of existing work on new data sets.
4. In the past, students have expanded on a paper that was submitted for one of the three classes. That is fine. Developing a paper out of a challenging homework exercise is also fine.
5. Students should avoid submitting the same paper, or a close variant of it, for two fields: e.g. Theory and macro, macro and international.
6. Papers should be written in clear English and free of grammatical and spelling errors.

Professor Geerolf recommends reading the following documents:

Cochrane's guide to students on how to write a paper:

https://faculty.chicagobooth.edu/john.cochrane/research/papers/phd_paper_writing.pdf

Shapiro's "How To" on giving an Applied Micro Talk (works just as well for Applied Macro)

https://www.brown.edu/Research/Shapiro/pdfs/applied_micro_slides.pdf

Professor Bigio recommends this book:

<http://www.amazon.com/Sense-Style-Thinking-Person-Writing/dp/0143127799>

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